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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 34
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act regulating succession to the office of lieu-
7 tenant governor and providing for an acting gover-
8 nor."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. AS 44.19.040 is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 Sec. 44.19.040. SUCCESSION TO OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

12 (a) After taking office, the governor shall appoint an individual to
13 succeed to the office of lieutenant governor if the office of lieuten-
14 ant governor becomes vacant. The appointment is subject to confirma-
15 tion by a majority of the members of the legislature meeting in joint
16 session and the individual serves at the pleasure of the governor. An
17 individual designated and confirmed under this subsection is next in
18 line for succession to the office of lieutenant governor. If an
19 individual designated and confirmed is removed from or vacates the
20 appointment, the governor shall appoint a successor.

21 (b) If, after taking office, the governor has appointed an
22 individual under (a) of this section but the legislature has not
23 confirmed the appointment or if the appointment has been confirmed and
24 the individual is removed or vacates the appointment, individuals
25 nominated by the governor to head the principal departments of the
26 state government shall succeed to the office of lieutenant governor in
27 the following sequence:

- 28 (1) the attorney general;
29 (2) the commissioner of administration;

- 1 (3) the commissioner of revenue;
- 2 (4) the commissioner of natural resources;
- 3 (5) the commissioner of commerce and economic development;
- 4 (6) the commissioner of public safety;
- 5 (7) the commissioner of transportation and public facili-
- 6 ties;
- 7 (8) the commissioner of health and social services;
- 8 (9) the commissioner of community and regional affairs;
- 9 (10) the commissioner of labor;
- 10 (11) the commissioner of environmental conservation;
- 11 (12) the adjutant general.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 44.19. is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 Sec. 44.19.041. ACTING GOVERNOR. If a governor-elect and a
14 lieutenant governor-elect both fail to take office at the time set
15 under the constitution because of death, resignation, or disqualifica-
16 tion, the governor then in office is acting governor until successors
17 to the respective offices are elected in a special election and take
18 office.